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In re Application of:

Joost VAN NEERVEN

Serial No.: 09/467,901

Filed: December 21, 1999

For:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of March 1, 2001. A fee of \$890.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 4, 2001

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